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WHEREAS, extensive investigation of a new chemical is required by the Environmental Protection Agency for registration of the chemical and additional research is needed on many conventional and irreplaceable chemicals for continuation of registration; and

WHEREAS, these chemicals are used by all fish and wildlife management agencies and also by private individuals and the fish-and-wildlife-producing industries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to accelerate and emphasize research required for registration of these chemical tools and to work closely with the Environmental Protection Agency in accomplishing their registration.

Resolution 17

WETLANDS

WHEREAS, the Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 1975 proposes to strike from the Department of Agriculture's 1975 Appropriation Act, the Whitten-Reuss Amendment, prohibiting use of Agricultural Conservation Program funds to drain certain wetlands; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment has saved thousands of acres of high value wetlands from drainage since its adoption in 1962; and

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of the Amendment, nearly half of the 1.3 million acres of wetlands in the prairie pothole area of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota alone were drained, much of it with Agricultural Conservation Program assistance; and

WHEREAS, the protection of remaining wetlands is critical to the welfare of waterfowl and many other species of wildlife;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges Congress to retain the Whitten-Reuss Amendment in the Agriculture Department Appropriation Act that prohibits use of ACP funds to drain certain wetlands and further urges that the Amendment be extended to include type 7 wetlands.

Resolution 18

ADVANCE FUNDING FOR DINGELL-JOHNSON AND PITTMAN-ROBERTSON PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Dingell-Johnson and Pittman-Robertson funds provide substantial portions of the budgets of the several States' Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and

WHEREAS, under present policy the program consists of funding through the State Agencies advancing 100% for all reimbursable projects; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursable policy imposes a definite hardship on the fiscal management of the State Agencies; and

WHEREAS, while the programs do have certain provisions for advance payments under specific conditions, these have not proven practical; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Administrative Requirements provide adequate checks and balances regarding the disbursement of said funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service to adopt and implement a policy of advancing Dingell-Johnson and Pittman-Robertson funds for properly approved and authorized projects.